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WIRE

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration on February 17, 2006, Applicants submit herewith correction to the relevance of Documents A3-A6. As provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not being provided since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office on February 17, 2006.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing of an Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1 and A2 are U.S. counterparts of Document A3.

The relevance of Documents A3 and A4 are described in the specification.

Documents A5 and A6 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available; however, the absence of such a translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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